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Venue could go in Castle Quay shopping centre redevelopment

SOCIAL CLUB AT RISK IN REVAMP

By Oliver Evans

A TOWN centre social club will be flattened under plans to extend Banbury's Castle Quay shopping centre, it has been revealed.

Site owners Scottish Widows Investment Partnership (SWIP) has submitted initial plans for the major £25m redevelopment.

These would demolish the 1970s Spiceball Park Road club, though the firm has pledged to replace it. The club would not comment.

The redevelopment - to include up to 640 parking spaces - would include a supermarket, hotel, cinema, restaurants and cafe. Partnership spokesman Kahrene Lawrie said: "As a responsible developer, Scottish Widows Investment Partnership approached the management of General Foods Social Club some months ago, seeking a meet-

ing to discuss our proposals for the north side of the Oxford Canal.

"We are keen to continue dialogue with the club to ensure its long-term future at a suitable location in Banbury and are very happy to discuss how we could support it during any agreed relocation.

"The club is owned and run by its members and has been an important part of the social life of the Banbury ■ continued on page 2

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InBRIEF

Girl incident man sought

■ **BANBURY:** A man in his 60s is being sought by police after he approached a two-year-old girl and held her hand in the Castle Quay shopping centre on Saturday. The incident happened at about 12.15pm. Police describe the man as white, about 5ft 8ins with short grey hair. He wore a Manchester United top and jeans.

Det Con Rebecca McCamley said: "We would like to speak to the man in question to better understand what happened. I would ask the man, or anyone who knows him, to contact police."

Call 101 with information.

Sisters in assault case

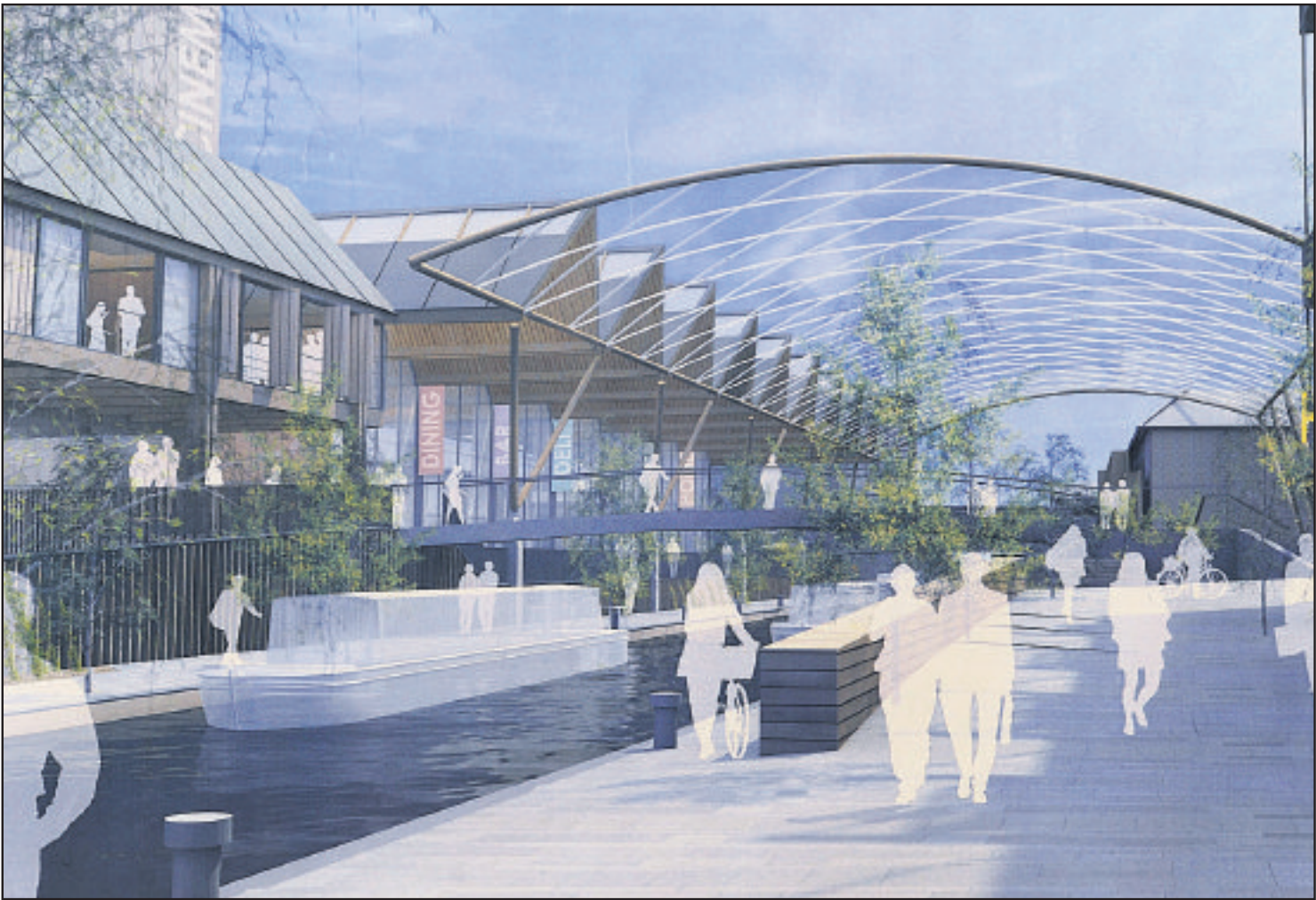
■ **BANBURY:** A woman has appeared at Oxford Crown Court and admitted causing actual bodily harm.

Leigh Halligan, of West Bar Street, Banbury, was charged with one count of assaulting Tammy Legg, together with her sister Kirsty Halligan.

The crime took place on October 19 last year and both defendants will appear again for a plea and case management hearing on Tuesday, August 27.

Kirsty Halligan has yet to enter a plea and Leigh Halligan was released on conditional bail on Monday.

Developer offers 'support' for institution during move in town



An artist's impression of the proposed development and expansion plans of the Castle Quay shopping centre

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Club all set to go in redevelopment

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community for many years. As such we would like to see it continue to thrive in the town for many more years to come."

Scottish Widows said the club owns the freehold.

Its plans show the club would be demolished along with the 300-space northern car park for the six-screen cinema.

The food store – built to a maximum 4,784.5m² – would go on stilts on the site of the former Spiceball Leisure Centre.

An 88-bedroom hotel would be built south of the canal, with a new cafe and restaurant to the north. Bosses expect to create more than 400 jobs.

No names of brands that would go in the extension have been announced.

Mayor of Banbury Nicholas Turner said: "The club has got a good room upstairs which is regularly used for functions."

"It would be sad for Banbury to lose a space. There is a shortage of big spaces in Banbury."

Banbury Civic Society acting chairman Rob Kinchin-Smith said the club could get a "good deal" given the scale of the development.

But he said: "A food store that is on the old Spiceball site is almost the edge of town because it is so separated by Castle Quay from the town centre."

And Banbury Town Council leader Kieron Mallon said: "Whatever is put in has to knit in and be part of the existing old town." The scheme must not be

a "standalone development that turns its back on the town", he added.

The plan comes after fears a major new retail park by junction 9 of the M40 – to include Next and an M&S – will pull trade from the town.

Scottish Widows and the owners of Banbury Cross Retail Park have launched a judicial review of the plans, to be heard in November. Cherwell District Council approved the retail park last year.

Investigation as man found dying in stream

THE post-mortem examination on a 21-year-old man found dying in a stream in Bloxham was due this week.

Police were called to the water by Little Bridge Road on Saturday at about 8am. The man was taken to the Horton Hospital but was pronounced dead.

The man, from Bicester, had last night not been named by police.

Officers were called to the scene on

Saturday shortly after 8am. South Central Ambulance Service spokesman Michelle Archer said two ambulances were sent to the scene after police called at 8.10am.

She said: "The patient was in a life-threatening condition. He was treated at the scene and was taken to the Horton hospital."

Det Insp Ivan Reaney said the death was being treated as unexplained and he

asked anyone with information to call the force on 101.

He said: "I would ask anyone who lives in the area, who may have seen or heard anything to come forward and speak to our officers as soon as possible."

To give information anonymously contact the independent Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111 or online at Crimestoppers-uk.org.

■ £18m boost for facilities devoted mainly to elderly and mentally ill

Town in line to get a new medical unit

NEW emergency units could be built in Oxfordshire – including Banbury – thanks to an £18m cash boost.

The money is to improve medical treatment of elderly and mentally ill people across the county. The Department of Health announced a £9m funding boost last week.

The £9m was match-funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) to kick-start a series of projects across the county, to be administered by the Oxford NIHR Collaboration for Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC).

The funding means a pilot scheme which started in Abingdon – of hospital Emergency Interdisciplinary Units (EIUs) – could be spread to Oxford, Witney and Banbury.

The EIUs are in hospitals dealing with serious medical emergencies other than heart attacks or strokes.

Oxford University senior researcher Dr Dan Lasserson leads the project to open EIUs across Oxfordshire.

He said: "In EIUs we can get quicker test or X-ray results a lot quicker than in hospitals and we have various medical staff and physiotherapists on hand."

"Abingdon Community Hospital's EIU is unique in what it offers. We are trying this and if it is cost-effective it could be rolled out not just across Oxfordshire but the country."

Although EIUs don't turn anyone away, they are mainly aimed at elderly people.

Dr Lasserson said: "There are an increasing number of unwell older patients and it is important

By Katriona Ormiston

to meet their needs. Although we will see anyone, it is mainly the elderly who we treat.

"A lot of older patients can get quite confused in hospital because it is a very unfamiliar environment. It is frightening for them in hospital."

Since opening on November 2, 2010, the Abingdon Community Hospital's EIU has had 5,568 patient visits.

One of the new EIUs would be based at Witney Community Hospital and could open within the next six months. The Banbury unit would probably be at the Horton General Hospital and the Oxford unit at the John Radcliffe.

The £18m will also be used to help people suffering from conditions including dementia, bipolar disorder and diabetes.

Another scheme aims to teach patients to understand their condition, how to self-medicate and monitor their health with technology such as tablet computers.

Prof John Geddes, head of the department of psychiatry at the Warrford Hospital in Headington, said: "Oxford brings an enormous amount of research into the city but we haven't had as much research into chronic conditions. And that research will be translated into the local health system."

"It is going to be a major way of making sure the science in Oxford gets implemented for the benefit of patients."

"It is another part of the jigsaw in bringing together the benefits of research for patients and staff in the area."

Professor John Geddes



InBRIEF

Hotel sale bid despite plans

■ **BANBURY:** Cherwell District Council will still try to force the sale of a boarded-up hotel after the authority and its owner won permission for separate plans for the site.

The council will argue it should be granted a compulsory purchase order (CPO) to buy the "eyesore" Crown House for 40 affordable flats when a public inquiry is held on September 3 and 4.

It won planning permission for the scheme last Thursday together with owner Slighe Ltd, which wants to turn it into a 73-bedroom hotel and five apartments.

Both have permission to develop the site for three years and the council said it expects a decision on the CPO by the inspector.

The Planning Inspectorate will hold the inquiry at Bodicote House, White Post Road, Bodicote.

Woman died after fall, inquest finds

■ **CHIPPING NORTON:** A 76-year-old woman died after a fall at her Marshall Close home, a coroner said last Thursday.

Kathleen Mary Sivell suffered a subdural haematoma to her head on April 10 and died at Banbury's Horton General Hospital on April 17, Oxfordshire Coroner Darren Salter said.

He recorded a verdict at County Hall, Oxford, of accidental death.

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InBRIEF**Council says no to homes**

■ **BANBURY:** Plans for 300 homes west of Warwick Road have been refused.

Cherwell District Council's planning committee rejected a Miller Homes plan last Thursday. A council planning officer said balls from nearby Drayton Leisure Golf Centre could hit buildings, and enough homes were being built elsewhere to meet need.

Man jailed for intimidation

■ **BANBURY:** A man who admitted intimidation has been jailed for 16 months.

Gary Coffee, of Bretch Hill, Banbury, pleaded guilty to one count of intimidating John Steer in Oxfordshire on January 2 this year. The 28-year-old was sentenced last Friday in Oxford Crown Court to 16 months in prison.

Nursery okay

■ **ADDERBURY:** Plans for the only day nursery in Adderbury have been a success, with the facility to open on September 2.

Cherwell District Council in February approved a resubmitted scheme for the proposal. Email info@adderburydaynursery.co.uk

Charity calls on others to 'go for it' as foundation offers funding

Grant 'really helped' says Playbus group

By Sophie Scott



From left, Daryl Soper, Tym Soper and Brett Purchase-Rathbone of the Oxfordshire Playbus

A GRANT from the Gannett Foundation had "really helped" an Oxfordshire charity in the past year – and they encouraged others to apply for funding.

The Gannett Foundation is offering up to £10,000 to charitable causes across Oxfordshire.

Oxfordshire Playbus was handed £2,879 last year so it could buy a 20x12ft stage for music festivals.

It was one of three charities across Oxfordshire awarded grants.

Oxford-based Yellow Submarine and SpecialEffect in Charlbury were also given donations by the foundation.

Tym Soper, of Oxfordshire Playbus, said: "I would tell anyone to go for it. It's really good and has really helped us. It's a simple process and it was great to be involved.

"We have as a charity been around since 1979, but being a part of this has helped us raise our profile and we have had a number of people contact



us on the back of it."

He added: "The use of the stage has really extended what we can provide for the community. We are able to give groups the chance to perform and will be providing the stage at Chipping Talent over the bank holiday, and at the beginning of summer we had about 20 dancers from a troupe on the stage performing in Wallingford.

"We are now in negotiations with the World of Rock to get bands together at the end of their workshops so they can perform to their friends."

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Members of the Banbury Household Division Association were thanked with a party at the Wykham Lane home of chairman and former Irish Guardsman Lieron Mallon.

This event featured military vehicles – including two Scimitar tanks – and a lunch for 80 people.

Mr Mallon said: "We wanted to thank our members and friends who have assisted us over the past year."

For information on the association, visit guardsfirst.co.uk or contact Mr Mallon on 01295 269177.



'Patient confidentiality' kept condition from relatives

Hanging death: Family tell of their concerns

THE family of a man who hanged himself said they were not given the chance to help him after medics did not tell them of his condition.

Patricia Redpath said she only knew the severity of Ben Redknapp's anxiety and depression when she found his body.

Oxfordshire coroner Darren Salter last week ruled that Mr Redknapp took his own life at his Banbury home on April 9.

He said the housing officer was seen at Banbury's Horton General Hospital on April 2 after he took an overdose of 60 sleeping pills.

Doctors recorded "suicidal intent", anxiety and panic, body

By Oliver Evans

dysmorphia over concerns about his lack of hair.

Mr Redknapp – who had previously worked at Cherwell leisure centres – was later prescribed the anti-depressant propranolol.

Speaking at Oxford Coroners' Court, Mr Salter said Mr Redknapp had called paramedics two days later, who arrived to find him "weeping" at his Broome Way flat.

But Mrs Redpath questioned why the next of kin he gave – twin brother George – was not told by the hospital of his condition.

She said: "I'm concerned that they let him go home to a flat where he was on his own with no direct support."

Mrs Redpath said the family first heard from the Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust the day before his death, as it was trying to reach him. She had not been able to reach him by phone either.

Mr Salter said a note found in Mr Redknapp's flat "indicated an intention" to take his own life.

Yet he said doctors would only tell family of patients in "imminent" danger.

He said of the "difficult" issue: "There is a right to patient confidentiality."

Trust spokesman Carrie-Ann Wade Williams said it sought to contact Mr Redknapp at the "earliest possible time".

She said: "The team attempted to contact Mr Redknapp on a number of occasions and we were in touch with his family in our efforts to reach him."

Four-year low for jobless

THE number of people signing on the dole in Oxfordshire has fallen to its lowest level in more than four years.

Latest figures from the Office for National Statistics show the 6,075 people were claiming Jobseeker's Allowance last month, a fall of 396 on the previous month.

The last time the figure fell so low was in December 2008 just as the effects on the recession on the labour market were starting to be felt.

It is the fourth successive month the figures have dropped and there are now 959 fewer people signing on than a year ago.

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InBRIEF

Fears over police cuts

■ THE number of Thames Valley Police traffic officers has dropped by 16 per cent over the last four years. Between March 2008 and March last year the number of officers has fallen from around 245 to 204 across the Thames Valley region. Road safety charity Brake warned it meant drivers under the influence of drugs or alcohol could often get away with dangerous driving. Julie Townsend, deputy chief executive at Brake, said: "It is desperately worrying that such large cuts continue to be made to traffic policing, just as progress is being made to improve the law on deadly drug-driving."

Radio launch

■ RADIO station JACKfm has announced it is launching a new station. JACKfm 2 is designed for a younger female audience and will launch on Tuesday – on 107.9FM and DAB radio. JACKfm UK co-founder Clive Dickens said: "JACKfm is one of the UK's fastest-growing radio brands, and it makes perfect sense for us to invest in this growth by expanding the brand to JACKfm 2 initially in Oxfordshire."

County council's *Build!* scheme teams up with training group

DIY project offers both a home and new skills

AN INNOVATIVE project is to offer people the chance to build their own home – gaining free qualifications while doing it.

Cherwell District Council launched the *Build!* scheme last year, which gives people on Cherwell's housing register the chance to apply for the scheme.

In exchange for working on the construction of their new home, they would get cheaper rents or a lower purchase price.

Now the council has teamed up with ACE Training of Kidlington to offer those who take part free 12-week courses in the skills they would need to carry out the work.

ACE managing director Adam Marsh said: "The people are effectively earning their deposit – quite a sizeable deposit – and if they are involved from the outset, they are also going to have a say on how it is finished."

"It really is building your own home."

The courses, either in site carpentry or brickwork, run for 12 weeks, two days a week, and lead to an NVQ Diploma Level 1.

Those taking part will also train for their Construction Skills Certification Scheme card, which would allow them to work on site.

By Fran Bardsley

Mr Marsh said: "Some of the people may well be fully qualified and capable bricklayers or builders already, and we may be able to assess their work while they are on the project to get them an NVQ, while others will need the course."

The first courses start on Monday and people will be referred via the council.

Ten spots will be available in each discipline initially, but Mr Marsh said extra courses could be added to meet demand.

He said: "There is a huge demand for skilled trades, so if through the *Build!* Project we are able to get a lot more people skilled up and into their own home, it's a no-brainer."

The scheme is open to anyone on the housing register who works, lives or studies within the district.

No experience is necessary and applications from all ages, fitness abilities and backgrounds will be considered.

It is part of the council's plan to create 250 new homes across the district by 2016.

Debbie Pickford, the council's housing chief, said: "By completing a construction course, trainees will not only gain self-build skills for this project, but also nationally-recognised and transferable qualifications, which they can use to improve their prospects of employment."

"By signing up to build their own house, trainees will have a hand in the

construction of their own home and receive financial savings as a result.

"We really do feel this ticks all the boxes in terms of delivering an innovative and purposeful project which will truly benefit those who it aims to help."

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ACE Training managing director Adam Marsh in the workshop with a student

£17m boost for region's economy

EUROPEAN funding of nearly £17m is set to boost Oxfordshire's economy from next year.

The money can be used to promote jobs, combat poverty and for investment in education skills and life-long learning.

A total of £16.95m has been allocated to Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, created to work with businesses, academic bodies, councils and the public sector to drive economic development across the county.

The new funding comes from two separate funds, the European Regional

Development and the European Social Fund.

Such European funding was previously channelled on a regional basis through the South East England Development Agency, which has been scrapped.

OLEP spokesman, Dawn Pettis, said: "No decisions have yet been taken. We are about to begin developing our strategy, to decide where the money should go."

She said Oxfordshire County Council, the county's district councils, businesses and other partners would be involved in discussions in the coming weeks.

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Hillary Hibbert-Biles

Healthy lifestyle campaign is launched by council

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to encourage children and families to eat more healthily and enjoy a more active lifestyle.

To combat rising obesity rates, Oxfordshire County Council has launched the Eat Well, Move More campaign, which has been launched at children's centres across the county.

Activities and food were themed around the topic, highlighting the issues and passing on information to parents about the campaign and about healthy eating.

Seven per cent of children aged four to five and over 15 per cent of those aged ten to 11 in Oxfordshire are classified as being obese. Less than half take part in at least three hours of sport per week, according to the Child Health Profile for Oxfordshire 2013.

Hillary Hibbert-Biles, the county council's public health chief, has pledged to fit more exercise into her own working week.

She said: "It can be all too easy to let children spend a bit too much time on the sofa over the summer."

"While it's great to relax after a long school year, it's also important to make sure we all stay active during the holidays."

The 11 children's centres taking part in the drive included the Ace Children's Centre in Chipping Norton and Britannia Road in Banbury.

As part of the campaign, families will be encouraged to sign up to the Change4Life website, nhs.uk.Change4Life, where they can create a personalised activity plan and access tips and advice.

InBRIEF

Venue change

■ Forthcoming sessions of Banbury Job Club will be held at the Town Hall while the Mill Arts Centre is closed for building work. Tomorrow and on August 30, the sessions will be at the Bridge Street hall. They offer free advice on issues like CV writing and training opportunities, from 11am to 1pm. For information, call 01295 221863 or email info@banburyjobclub.com

■ Less well-off pupils in the county have less chance of gaining a place

University and the poor

FEWER than one in three of Oxfordshire's most vulnerable pupils ends up going to university, new statistics show.

Only 28 per cent of county pupils eligible for free school meals – a key indicator of deprivation – went on to university in 2010, according to new figures from the Department for Education.

That compares to 39 per cent of all Oxfordshire children and 46 per cent of children on free school meals nationally.

Children in receipt of free school meals are, in general, thought to receive less support at home than

By Fran Bardsley

those from more affluent backgrounds, according to education experts, and typically come from families where there is no history of going to university.

That means there is often a gap between their achievement and that of their peers.

Melinda Tilley, the county councillor responsible for children, education and families, said: "We have been making a huge effort since then and I would be interested in what the latest figures are – although

they probably won't be published until 2015.

"It wasn't good, but neither when I took over was Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2 or Key Stage 4.

"We need to get those figures up considerably, and I think it is changing."

Few figures were published for individual schools, as the numbers involved were so small.

Education expert and county councillor Prof John Howson said he believed the figures reflected underachievement from very early on in the education system.

He said: "I am shocked and

disappointed the figures are so poor.

"I really want to challenge these parents to stand up for the best quality education for their children and to make sure they also play their part.

"We know, in some cases, these children have high rates of absence and are more likely to be excluded and are not participating in the education system.

"What is most worrying is that these are the kids who have gone through the barrier at age 16, when they could have left education. They had clearly wanted to make use of the facilities available to them."



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Meet the new

THESE are the watchdogs who will hold the county's health and social care services to account.

The Healthwatch Oxfordshire board aims to be the "consumer's champion" and has the power to demand answers from Oxfordshire's health and social care bosses.

Seven members of the board were announced last week, with another two due to be announced soon.

The new board includes a former Oxfordshire County Council deputy leader and members of Healthwatch's predecessor, Oxfordshire LINK.

Healthwatch Oxfordshire director Rosalind Pearce said: "This means that we are up and running properly now."

"The majority of the staff has been in place since the beginning of July and now the board can start working out what our priorities are going to be."

"The role of the board is to be a strategic body, which leads Healthwatch Oxfordshire in its actions, and to be the consumer champion for the people of Oxfordshire."

Earlier this year, the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council charity put together a group of 900 county residents to nominate and elect the board members.

The board represents patients and will be launching a consultation survey later this year to find out what people want from their health and social services.

Mrs Pearce said: "They will be an

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active board. They will be out there meeting people and attending meetings. The chairman will have a seat on the Health and Wellbeing Board.

"In the next two or three months we will have a clear idea of what our priorities are and who we want to engage with in a formal way."

"But we need to get the views of the population of Oxfordshire, so that the board is not speaking from their perspective but from the public's."

Healthwatch Oxfordshire should have been fully set up as the GP-led Clinical Commissioning Groups took over buying health services on April 1.

The delays have been blamed on slow decision-making by the county council, which put the £320,000-a-year contract out to tender, but then said that none of the original bidders had been "suitable". The ORCC won an interim contract, to run the organisation for one year on March 31.

Healthwatch's predecessor, Oxfordshire LINK, carried out surveys, including what patients thought of hospital food, and championed patients' rights since it was launched in 2008.

The organisation, along with Primary Care Trusts, was disbanded earlier this year.

To contact the Healthwatch board, call 01865 520520 or visit healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk



Healthwatch director Rosalind Pearce

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■ **JACQUIE PEARCE-GERVIS**, from Botley, is board member for acute care.

She said: "I am delighted that I have been elected and that I can continue to represent patients attending our acute hospitals. "I hope patients will be able to speak out a lot more – so we can address the burning issues that are concerning them."

Mrs Pearce-Gervis, who was a lecturer in business studies at West Oxfordshire College, is currently chairman of the watchdog Patient Voice and will remain in that post.

■ **ANITA HIGHAM**, from Adderbury, is board member for health inequalities.

She is the former headteacher of Sheldon School in Chippenham and principal of Banbury School. She won an OBE for services to education and training.

She has also been a non-executive director of Oxford

Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust and was founding chairman of Cherwell Vale NHS Primary Care Trust.

Mrs Higham has also represented the south of England LINK leaders on the Department of Health's Healthwatch regional representatives' advisory group.

She said: "It is a significant and complex agenda and I think that we have a lot of work to do. In that sense I am taking it very seriously and I think it is going to be a tough job."

■ **JEAN NUNN-PRICE** is board member for primary care.

Mrs Nunn-Price, who was involved in Healthwatch's previous incarnations, has been a parish councillor at Grove for about 12 years.

She received an MBE for her science and engineering work after a career in research and policy. She now offers free legal

advise – after taking a law degree following retirement – at the Wantage independent advice centre. Mrs Nunn-Price is also a director of the Midcounties Co-operative.

She said: "I am looking forward to being instrumental in helping to monitor what is being delivered and help people influence future strategy."

■ **DERMOT ROAF**, 76, from North Oxford, is board member for public health.

The retired maths teacher from Exeter College, University of Oxford, was an Oxfordshire County Council member between 1981 to 2009.

He was also deputy leader of the council between 2004 and 2005 and has been involved with the predecessors of Healthwatch, including Oxfordshire LINK.

He said: "I am glad to have been elected because I have been involved with the scrutiny of health since 1981.

"My personal goal is to make sure health care and social care work closely together."

■ **JAMIE MILLER**, 47, of Faringdon, is board member for long-term conditions and physical disabilities.

Mr Miller has worked with

voluntary groups for 14 years, including the Youth Offending Service, Connexions and, for the last four years, Headway.

He is also chairman of the Oxfordshire Neurological Alliance and on the board of The Oxfordshire

Wheel and Oxfordshire Acquired Brain Injury Forum.

He said: "From the perspective of physical disabilities and long-term conditions, it is really about highlighting some of the most pressing matters and experiences of individuals with those conditions and looking at trying to influence commissioners of those services going forward."

■ **ANNE CLIVERD**, from Oxford, is board member for mental health.

She has been a community mental health nurse for almost 40 years and previously a staff governor on a Mental Health Foundation Trust.

She is also a community centre trustee.

She said: "I will engage the community and ensure their views influence the development of local service provision, leading to services that improve and continue to deliver the highest quality of care."

■ **AMANDA SMITHDALE** is board member for older people.

She has been a nurse for more than 38 years and has experience at board-level administrative and financial management.

She has also served on the best-value review panel at South Oxfordshire District Council for more than six

years and is on the council's independent remuneration committee.

She said: "Through Healthwatch Oxfordshire and using my career experience, I feel I can play a key role in helping older people understand how to access health and social care services."



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Cropredy really rocks



SCHOOL'S OUT: Crowds gathered to watch Alice Cooper, far right, 10CC, top right, and The Levellers

NEARLY 20,000 people packed a field in North Oxfordshire for the county's longest-running large music festival – Cropredy.

The event, which began as a farewell concert by the band Fairport Convention, has become a huge draw for music lovers – though this year's diverse bill showed the festival has come a long way from its folk-rock roots. While still opened and closed by Fairport Convention, the highlight, officially titled Fairport's Cropredy Convention, was Thursday night's set by shock-rocker Alice Cooper.

The veteran American hard-rock star delighted and bemused with a show given an edge by the use of a guillotine, electric generator and lavish fireworks. He even appeared with

By Tim Hughes

a boa constrictor around his neck.

Festival spokesman Andy Farquarson said: "This year's Cropredy was one of the most successful ever. The near-capacity crowd on all three days enjoyed ideal weather – dry but not too hot – and a great mix of bands."

Speaking before Cooper's set, Fairport Convention's Dave Pegg said: "It's great to be back here again."

"The festival is looking great and it has been amazing to get Alice Cooper. I've been trying to get him here for years."

Other highlights came from reggae band Edward II, anarcho-folk band The Levellers, art-pop band 10CC,

'80s star Nik Kershaw and, of course, Fairport's traditional three-hour finale on Saturday night. Festival-goers were also treated to a surprise set by Brummie comedian Jasper Carrot.

Lucy Silver, from East Oxford, said she liked the festival's more diverse musical offering. She said: "Everyone here loves folk and folk-rock, but it's great it encompasses things like hard rock and even 80s pop. Fairport were wonderful, but Alice Cooper was strange, huge fun, very memorable."

Jan Stanley, from Swansea, South Wales, was there with her husband Roger. She said: "We had a marvellous time. Everyone played who was supposed to and we saw lots of new bands that inspired us to hear more of their music."

Just what the doctor ordered

BANBURY audiences are invited to join in the fantastical, magical musical extravaganza that is *Seussical*, when the Youth of Banbury Operatic Society (YOBOS) stages this wonderfully colourful musical at Wykham Theatre, Banbury Academy, tomorrow and Saturday.

Co-directed and co-choreographed by Ben Coleman and Robbie Fell, two talented young stars of the Banbury musical scene, the cast consists entirely of young people aged between 12 and 18 from Banbury and the surrounding area.

Certainly no strangers to musical theatre, Ben and Robbie have performed in countless musicals

and shows in Banbury from an early age. Both are delighted to swap their onstage performances to hone their directorial and choreography skills.

Theo Perry makes his debut performance as musical director for this great show based on the works of Dr Seuss, which features energetic and exciting musical numbers such as *Oh, The Things You Can Think*, *Green Eggs and Ham* and the poignant *Alone in the Universe* and *Notice Me Horton*. The show was co-conceived by Eric Idle of *Monty Python* fame. Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty wrote the book on which the musical is based, and also the lyrics and music.

The Cat in Hat (played by Tom Carter) tells the story of Horton (Max Griffin), an elephant who discovers a speck of dust containing Whos, including the JoJo (Jamie Fell). His travels and travails bring him into contact with characters like Mayzie La Bird (Annabel Deakin) and Gertrude McFuzz (Lauren Hayden).

Featuring other famous Dr Seuss characters such as The Grinch, The Things, and Yertle the Turtle, this is a show that delivers.

■ Performances start at 7.30pm each night, with a matinee at 2.30pm on Saturday. Tickets are on sale at Anker & Partner Estate Agents, Banbury, at £8 for adults and £6 for those under 16.

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The Lone Ranger saddles up for big-screen action

THE LONE RANGER (12A, 149 mins) Action/Western/Comedy/Romance. Armie Hammer, Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Tom Wilkinson, Ruth Wilson, William Fichtner, James Badge Dale, Mason Cook. Director: Gore Verbinski.

It's "Hi-ho, Silver. Away!" for Gore Verbinski and Johnny Depp, director and Oscar nominated star of the *Pirates Of The Caribbean* saga, who reunite for this rootin' tootin' reinvention of the masked avenger.

The *Lone Ranger* began life as a radio series in the early 1930s and captured the imagination of listeners across America.

The title character, who rode the plains searching for truth and justice in the company of his Native American sidekick, inspired a spin-off series, then galloped from the big to the small screen as a long-running TV series, starring Clayton Moore and John Hart.

Verbinski's lavish romp spares no expense in terms of spectacle, including two outrageous set pieces aboard moving trains that are a thrilling combination of old-fashioned stunt work and pyrotechnics.

On the few occasions the film resorts to digital effects, the results are clumsy, like when the eponymous hero and his trusty steed leap on to the locomotive in a manner that defies gravity.

While the title of the film may be *The Lone Ranger*, this is Depp's show.

Once again, he is given carte blanche to conjure a quixotic, comic creation out of the ether.

His Tonto lassos all of the best lines and is involved in the most thrilling daredevil action.

A framing device set in 1933 San Francisco confirms his star billing. A Native American mannequin (Depp) magically comes to life in order to recount the story of the Lone Ranger to a wide-eyed boy (Mason Cook).

In hazy flashback, we join handsome lawyer John Reid (Armie Hammer) in 1869 Texas as he travels on the newly-constructed railroad controlled by Latham Cole (Tom Wilkinson).

Soon after, John is reunited with his brother, Texas Ranger Dan Reid (James Badge Dale), and pretty sister-in-law Rebecca (Ruth Wilson).

When outlaw Butch Cavendish (William Fichtner) escapes custody, Dan leads the search party and he reluctantly deputises John so they can spend quality time together.

Unfortunately, the chase ends in carnage and John wakes from a bullet wound to meet Tonto (Depp), a quixotic Comanche Native American, who also has good reason to want Cavendish dead.

The Comanche encourages John to find the hero within by donning a mask. Together they hunt down the outlaw, taking a small yet important detour via the brothel, run by no-nonsense madam, Red Harrington (Helena Bonham Carter).

The Lone Ranger is an



Johnny Depp, as Tonto, and Armie Hammer as John Reid in a scene from the film, *The Lone Ranger*

Picture: PA Photo/Disney Enterprises

entertaining action adventure, distinguished by Depp's theatrics and Bojan Bazelli's stunning cinematography.

The west has seldom looked so splendidly wild and rugged.

Unquestionably, the 149-minute running time will leave audiences feeling saddle-sore and the film noticeably drags its spurs in the middle section.

However, when it comes to the action, Verbinski's film delivers at a canter.

CakeWhat's on

Theatre

The Pig Place, NB Acres, Aynho Road, Adderbury: Aug 15, *Beyond The Veil* Outdoor show, presented by Mikron Theatre. 7.30pm. There will be a collection taken after the show. Food and drink available from 6.30pm. Seating on straw bales, or please bring own seating. 07892 8794478.

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Fenny Compton: Aug 18, *Beyond The Veil* Outdoor show, presented by Mikron Theatre. 7.30pm. There will be a collection taken after the show. Food and drink available.

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Banbury beat the leaders

Hawkes and Cater partnership gives home side six-wicket win over Henley

BANBURY kept alive their hopes of catching Henley at the top of Division 1 with a home victory over the leaders.

Saturday's six-wicket win means the north Oxfordshire side are 39 points behind in second spot, with four games of the season remaining.

Nathan Hawkes and Jonny Cater were the match winners for Banbury, putting on 69 for the fourth wicket and taking their side to the brink of victory. Hawkes made 65 from just 58 deliveries, striking two sixes, while keeper Cater finished unbeaten on 43.

The two had come together with the score on 119-3 and the match in the balance, but their breezy partnership proved to be decisive.

Earlier, Henley had won the toss and opted to bat.

They lost wickets at regular intervals throughout their innings, with seven of their batsmen getting into double figures but none managing to better skipper Bjorn Mordt's 37.

The pick of the Banbury bowlers was opener Brady Barends, who took 3-34

from 14 overs, and spinner Luke Ryan, who claimed 3-44 from 13.3.

HENLEY

M Roberts c West b Barends	26
D Barnes b Blanchard	17
H Riazuddin st Cater b West	25
C Boyce b Barends	10
D Allaway st Cater b Ryan	23
B Mordt run out	37
J Barber c Wright b Barends	12
T Ferguson c Sabin b Ryan	32
T Afridi c Haupt b Ryan	4
T Nugent b Phillips	10
G Singh not out	9
Extras	17
Total (all out, 65.3 ovs)	202

Fall: 1-28, 2-61, 3-62, 4-87, 5-122, 6-135, 7-179, 8-185, 9-186.

Bowling: Barends 14-5-34-3, Blanchard 11-3-31-1, Wright 13-6-29-0, West 6-1-25-1, Ryan 13.3-4-44-3, Phillips 8-0-24-1.

BANBURY

L Sabin lbw Singh	22
C Haupt b Afridi	16
I Tew b Singh	43
N Hawkes c Barber b Afridi	65
J Cater not out	43
R West not out	1
Extras	14
Total (4 wks, 45.1 ovs)	204

Fall: 1-28, 2-88, 3-119, 4-188.

Bowling: Afridi 11-1-44-2, Riazuddin 8-1-21-0, Boyce 12-0-70-0, Singh 13-2-50-2, Nugent 1-1-0-13-0.

Banbury 25pts, Henley 6



Michael Roberts is caught by Richard West off Brady Barends

Oval date a victory away

BANBURY are one victory away from playing at the Kia Oval after winning the South East regional final of the ECB National Club Twenty20 competition.

After seeing off Ealing by five wickets in their semi-final at Billericay in Essex, Banbury then beat Brentwood by six wickets.

They now visit East Midlands champions Peterborough Town on August 25 in a bid to secure one of four national finals day spots.

Banbury bowled and fielded superbly to restrict Brentwood to 104 all out. Ashley Blanchard took 2-10, while Richard West and Luke Ryan each bagged 2-14.

West then starred with 31 not out as Banbury reached 105-4 with more than one over to spare.

STARS with Claire Petulengro

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ARIES Mar 21-Apr 19

A changeable mood this week could see close ones accusing you of being unreliable. Try to think before you speak and, if you can, sleep on any important decisions. If you're willing to put in some overtime then money can be made. You and I know there are some exciting ideas you have which require more finances than others realise. Ring now to better understand your family.

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LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Your sign's natural ability to be creative can save you money this week. You may have to work longer hours or put more effort into what you do, but what you can't see is that you're getting closer than you'd dreamed to an ambition which last year you were ready to give up on. Give me a ring now to hear why this is a great week for reconciliations too.

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TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

For a sign that is usually so private, you're being unusually vocal, which means something or someone must have really stirred your soul. Something you didn't think would go your way does and in the process earns you the respect of someone you hold in high esteem. New flirtations put the spring back in your step. Ring to hear who is your match made in heaven.

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SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

You can't keep thinking on the past when you have time on your hands. Your time would be far better spent both planning the future and, more importantly, enjoying the here and now. Life is what you make it Scorpio, so make yours count. Too much time worrying about a family member and giving in to their whims is making you a scapegoat. Stand tall. Ring now for confidence and self esteem.

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GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

You'll be prompted by the stars to say things you may not really mean. Maybe if you spoke to the person concerned rather than everyone else, you'd feel this is a productive week. Projects you work on over the coming days take your career down a different path and you start to see new possibilities for your future. Ring now to hear why life and love are about to get exciting.

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SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

You're finally willing to take a step back and look at the bigger picture and I think you're going to like what you see. Last year's troubles are behind you and you now have the base you need to build a happy and fulfilling life. All you have to do is decide how to best shape your career Sagittarius, clues to which you'll get on Thursday and Friday. Call now, I have a secret to share with you.

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CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

You're taking a closer look at the way you live your day to day life and you're no longer living day to day but you're willing to plan long term. This could see many of you Cancerians investing money into the home if not looking into a new home. You've done a lot of growing up this year and it shows. Ring me to hear why it's worth accepting imprudent dates and invitations now.

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AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Mixed emotions could see you saying and doing some crazy things. You're not in control of what you're doing but you will start to see that life doesn't have to be lived how others tell you to live it. You can make up your own rules. It's the home which is the biggest change you'll be making and close ones are the person for some shocking news which I'm sure will please you. Call now for an update.

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LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

You never were a sign to follow, but one born to lead. Certain people in your life have trouble grasping this concept this week though and you may find yourself embroiled in battles you feel are beneath you. As long as you behave in a way you can be proud of, then you have nothing to feel ashamed of. Ring now to hear why you may tell white lies to indulge in love and passion.

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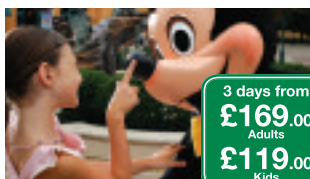
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Giulietta is a joy on twisty roads

By David Duffy

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Good news. With the elegant Giulietta you can have the best of all possible worlds. Especially when that Giulietta is powered by Alfa's latest 2.0-litre diesel engine.

If you associate diesel with dull then think again. The awkwardly-named 2.0 JTDm-2 140 is an ideal engine for both company car drivers and private buyers looking for low fuel consumption and low running costs combined with driving comfort for long trips.

Quiet and refined, the 140 horsepower version engine delivers loads of pulling power from low in the rev range, while cruising effortlessly at motorway speeds.

But the Giulietta was not made for long straight roads. It is on the twisty bits that this car comes to life.

Few family hatchbacks deliver the feedback, feel and sheer fun of a Giulietta on a country road. If any

car can turn a mundane motoring journey into a mini-adventure this is it.

And although it is superbly dynamic on the move, it remains a thoroughly practical family car.

There is plenty of space for five, a decent boot, and a high level of equipment.

The test car was fitted with a Blue&Me system, which allows Bluetooth link to mobile phones and voice controls. The in-car technology is backed up by a range of safety equipment which has led to the car earning a five-star safety rating from the Euro NCAP organisation with an overall score of 87/100. Thankfully most of the safety systems, from traction control and emergency braking, are designed to ensure you do not have a crash in the first place.

Six airbags are fitted if the worst does happen and a device built into



IDEAL ENGINE: The 2.0-litre diesel is refined and economical

the backrests of the front seats moves the head restraints closer to the occupants' heads, in the event of an impact, to lessen the effects of whiplash.

If you need any more justification for buying an Alfa, the car also boasts decent green credentials, thanks to a diesel particulate filter and a start-and-stop system fitted as standard.

And with a 13 per cent benefit-in-kind rate, 40 per cent tax bracket, company car drivers will pay £90 a month in company car tax for the Lusso trim version. The last bit of good news is that the car only needs servicing every 21,000 miles.

Auto facts

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Electriccarnews

Car maker welcomes charging point growth

RENAULT UK has welcomed the additional Government funding for electric vehicle charge points with the announcement of the winning bids for additional points to be installed by dozens of local authorities, NHS Trusts and train operators. Renault's latest electric vehicle, the ZOE supermini has just gone on sale in the UK with its owners already enjoying the benefit of a free domestic charge point, supplied and installed by British Gas.

Purchasers also save up to £5,000 on the price of their electric car from the Government's

Plug-In Grant. ZOE answers the comment that EVs can be expensive with a starting price from £13,995, after the grant, equivalent to the price of a diesel supermini.

Whilst Renault believes that about 90% of charging will take place at home, Renault says electric vehicle buyers will also benefit from the additional peace of mind that the improved public infrastructure provides.

Renault UK's Ben Fletcher, electric vehicle product manager, said: "The two most common preconceptions of electric

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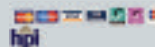
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